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Appropriations Committee erosion of the operating budget by \$900,000. We went from a \$7.9 million request down to a \$7 million appropriation in LB 1128. That will be a significant cut for our operations. We will not have an easy time with that. That will be a hard go. But your Executive Board and this Legislature for the last six years has very consistently followed a Capitol construction plan. We started out with two hearing rooms that are now being used by the Education Committee, by the Revenue Committee, by the Public Works Committee, by the Agriculture and Environment Committee. We started out with two new hearing rooms. We then moved the cafeteria. We developed the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee hearing room in the old cafeteria space. We renovated the cafeteria space. We took care of the ladies restroom facility here and last year we appropriated the dollars for these two hearing rooms but it was vetoed by the Governor. It was vetoed by the Governor and because we got some overrides on other legislative vetoes I simply lowered my voice on this one. I mean, afterall, enough was enough last year. But I said we are going to come back this year. There is only one time. There is only one time that we can do this hearing room reconstruction and that is between the short and the long session because you need about an eight month period of time to get it done. If it is going to be done it needs to be done this year. If it is not going to be done, it will have be deferred for two years because we simply will not have the window of opportunity to do it next year. That is why I keep raising it. That is why we argue the point. That is why I have talked to some members. I ask your support. This is an important thing for this body, for the public, for the citizenry and for the State Capitol. I ask for a roll call vote.

SENATOR KAHLE: A roll call vote has been asked for. Proceed, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken as found on page 1535 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, I am going to verify vote. (Read verified vote.) 25 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President.